

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace page 8, line 26-page 9, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

Said advanced variants lead to calculations of a so-called cross term C_t and energy term E_t for t -th code vector c_t . The value of a ratio C_t/E_t which is used as a performance measure for the t -th code vector is the higher or the lower of a corresponding error energy P_{e_t} characterizing the code vector c_t is. The ratio C/E is used to compare code vectors within said codebook search.